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SUBJECT: INITIAL DUTCH PRESS REACTION TO U. S. TRADE BILL

1. DUTCH EDITORIAL COMMENT ON TRADE BILL HAS BEEN REMARKABLY
SPARSE TO DATE.

2. IN FACT ONLY COMMENT WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR WAS EDITORIAL IN
APRIL 12 ISSUE OF ECONOMISCHE DAGBLAD. THIS CONSERVATIVE DAILY
SAID THERE WAS LITTLE IN BILL THAT WAS UNEXPECTED THANKS TO LEAKS
ON MAIN POINTS OVER RECENT WEEKS. CONTENTS OF BILL ARE LESS
IMPORTANT THAN HOW PRESIDENT WOULD USE HIS VARIED POWERS. NIXON
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AIM APPEARS TO BE BOTH TO DEFANG PROTECTIONIST TIGERS IN U. S. AND HAVE " STICK" TO WIELD IN MTN. ECONOMISCH DAGBLAD SEES DANGER, HOWEVER, THAT BILL COULD GIVE RISE TO FALSE HOPES IN U. S. EDITORIAL SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CAP AND EC RELATIONS WITH ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES AND ASSOCIABLES AS AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SUBSTANTIAL EC CONCESSION IN MTN. PAPER FEARED THAT IF GATT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THESE AREAS, " DISAPPOINTMENT IN AMERICA MAY BE SO GREAT THAT PRESIDENT WILL BE MORE OR LESS FORCED TO USE (RETALIATORY) POWERS WHICH HE HAS BEEN SEEKING FOR SO LONG. IF THAT HAPPENS, AND THE PRESIDENT IS UNABLE RESIST THESE PRESSURES, WE WILL BE WORSE OFF THAN EVER BEFORE."

3. DISTRIBUTION APRIL 12 BY USIS OF WIRELESS FILE MATERIAL ON PRESIDENT' S MESSAGE, TRADE BILL SUMMARY AND SECRETARY SHULTZ' S PRESS CONFERENCE MAY LEAD TO MORE DUTCH MEDIA REACTION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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